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ALL MEDIA CARRIED ITEMS RELATING TO DIEGO GARCIA AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A CHANGED ATTITUDE TOWARD THE BASE BY THE NEW BRITISH LABOR GOVERNMENT.

OCTOBER STAR, MARCH 11 CARRIED FRONT PAGE REUTER ARTICLE TITLED - "NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING ITS POSITION ON THE ENLARGEMENT OF DIEGO GARCIA BASE." SONNA NEWS BULLETIN, MARCH 11, PRINTED FOUR PAGE ITEM CONSOLIDATED FROM INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES TITLED - "THE DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND."

RADIO MOGADISCIO ALSO DEVOTED A LARGE PORTION OF ITS SOMALI LANGUAGE BROADCAST TO DIEGO GARCIA AND CONCLUDED ITS BROADCAST WITH A COMMENTARY ON THE SUBJECT. REPORT OF COMMENTARY AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN REPORT - IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NEW BRITISH LABOR GOVERNMENT MAY REFUSE TO ALLOW THE U.S. TO PLACE ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND, IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD, MANY COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD HAVE PROTESTED AND REFUSED TO HAVE THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A PLACE OF FORCE AND CALLED FOR THE OCEAN TO BE A SETTLED PLACE WHERE THE WORLD TRAVELS PEACEFULLY. IN 1971, SOMALIA WAS AMONG THE COUNTRIES WHICH STRONGLY COMPLAINED WHEN THE U.S. AND BRITAIN AGREED TO PLACE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THAT ISLAND AND SURROUNDING

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ASIAN COUNTRIES HAVE ENDORSED THE SOMALI COMPLAINT. IF THE NEW

BRITISH GOVERNMENT SUCCEEDS IN HAVING THE U.S. WITHDRAW FROM THE
ISLAND, SOMALIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH WANT WORLD PEACE WILL
STRONGLY HAIL THAT MOVE. FRANCE WHICH IS ONE OF THE POWERFUL
NATIONS, FOR ALMOST A YEAR, WAS AGAINST THE U.S. PLACING THE
FEARFUL WEAPONS OF THE WORLD IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, END REPORT.
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